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SHARE OF NATIONAL HIGHWAYS IN ROAD TRANSPORT
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Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage share of traffic on National Highways in the total volume of the road transport in the country; and

(b) the steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Government to deal with the problem of excessive traffic on National Highways in the country?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA)

(a) No separate study has been done for assessing the percentage share of traffic on National Highways in the total volume of traffic. However, it has been broadly estimated that the share of traffic on National Highways in the total volume of road transport in the country is about 40%.

(ii) The Government has taken up National Highway Development Project (NHDP) for improvement of National Highways. About 14,471 km length of National Highways is being upgraded to 4/6 lane under Phases I & II of NHDP. Four laning of 4000 km and six laning of 6500 km of National Highways and construction of 1,000 km of Expressways have been approved under the different phases of NHDP; Government has also approved development of roads under Special Accelerated Road Development Programme (SARDP-NE) in the North-Eastern region of the country. These are in addition to the other development works taken up from the budgetary sources.